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SALTS, NUTRIENTS and GROUNDWATER

Watsonville, CA – “We’re turning our first outreach meeting into a working lunch” announced Brian Lockwood, Hydrologist, for the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA). Lockwood is charged with setting up a community group to help the agency tackle the growing problem of salt and nutrient overload in the valley’s groundwater basin.

Excessive concentrations of salts and nutrients can damage one of the Pajaro Valley’s most valuable resources, its groundwater. Poor quality threatens the ability to use the groundwater, impacting crop productivity and health, and making it expensive to treat before drinking. PVWMA is responsible for completing a plan to address these issues by 2014.

Patterned after the very successful Ad Hoc Basin Management Plan Committee, the agency is seeking to form a community group of interested stakeholders to guide development of a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP). The first meeting is scheduled for 10 AM on July 17, 2012 in the U.C Cooperative Extension Office, 1432 Freedom Boulevard in Watsonville.

Background information on why the Pajaro Valley needs a SNMP, time commitment, and the proposed process, is available on the agency’s website www.pvwater.org. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling the agency at 831-722-9292 or via email to brian@pvwater.org

SNMP First Stakeholder Meeting
U.C. Cooperative Extension Office
1432 Freedom Boulevard, Watsonville
Tuesday, July 17, 2012
10 AM
Lunch will be served

The PVWMA is a public agency whose mission is to protect and preserve the water resources within the agency’s jurisdiction, generally the greater coastal Pajaro Valley.

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